

Federal Funds Help Purchase State-of-the-Art Cancer Treatment Equipment

Toms River, NJ – Congressman John Adler today announced that Community Medical Center in Toms River will receive a \$495,000 federal grant. The funds are intended to purchase state-of-the-art radiation treatment equipment for Community Medical Center's J. Phillip Citta Regional Cancer Center.

"Every family knows someone who has cancer," Congressman John Adler said. "Ocean County residents deserve access to the best available treatments. I am proud to help Ocean County families and seniors receive the latest tools they need to fight this terrible epidemic."

The Community Medical Center was awarded funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Health Care and other Facilities grant program. The grant will help Community Medical Center finance Image Guided Radiation Therapy (IGRT) equipment. IGRT allows a physician to deliver radiation therapy directly to a tumor. The equipment allows a clinician to avoid performing surgery, shortens the length of treatment for a patient and delivers radiation with unprecedented accuracy, leaving healthy tissue intact.

Richard J. Pallamary, Vice President for Development for Community Medical Center, said the following about today's announcement: "This funding helps Community Medical Center bring the latest generation Linear Accelerator to the residents of Ocean County. This state-of-the art equipment enables physicians at CMC's J. Phillip Citta Regional Cancer Center to deliver more accurate treatment in a local, convenient, setting for our patients. We are extremely grateful for Congressman Adler's support of Community Medical Center."